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Whitefish Point Harbor, MI

Harbor Features

- Located on the south shore of Lake Superior, about 55 miles east of Grand Marais, MI and 40 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 2 Mar 1945, 17 Aug 1967.
- Shallow Draft recreational harbor.
- Project depth is 12 feet.
- Approximately 8 acres of maintained Federal channel.
- More than 1,500 feet of breakwaters.
- Harbor of Refuge.
- Dredged material is placed along the beach as beach nourishment.
- Major stakeholders include Michigan DNR, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, Native American fishermen, and a variety of sport fishing interests.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.

Project Needs

- This harbor has not been dredged since 2000 and now has a critical dredging need.
- Requires maintenance dredging of approximately 17,000 cubic yards every 10 years.
- Navigation structures are primarily maintained by Government floating plant.

Transportation Importance

- This project serves as an important Harbor of Refuge as well as charter fishing and Native American navigation interests.
- The local community has established a significant infrastructure around the harbor facilities that generates income from harbor users and visitors to the area.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, 2008 and 2009 Whitefish Point, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)

Work Package	FY07 Need	FY07 Work Plan	FY08 Need	FY08 Budget	FY09 Need	FY09 Budget*
Project Condition Surveys					20	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package					220	
TOTALS					240	

* FY09 President's Budget will be available in February 2008